

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3, 4, and 7-8 are currently pending in the present application, with claim 1, 4 and 7 amended and claims 5 and 6 cancelled herein. No new matter is added by this amendment. The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 6 and 7 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

In the office action, claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in light of U.S. Patent No. 6,564,380 to Murphy in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,553,083 to Miller. Claims 3 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Murphy in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,978, 306 to Miller. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in light of Murphy in view of Miller and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,587,985 to Fukushima.

Claim 1 is amended herein to incorporate the features of claims 5 and 6. As claim 6 has been indicated to contain allowable subject matter, it is submitted that claim 1, as amended, is now allowable. Claims 3, 4, 7, and 8, which depend from claim are therefore allowable therewith.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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